

# The Storytellers

## Summer 2006

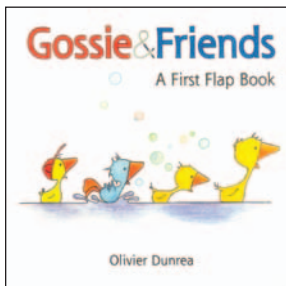
Summer is a great time to read to your children. Turn off the television, get comfortable, have a good light, and enjoy a good book together. Make sure the readings are interesting and exciting enough to hold their interest while building up their imagination. Some reading sessions are fine for questions and answers, but be sensitive to the times when your children simply want to enjoy the story. Take advantage of each day to read to your children. They will be grown before you know it.



## Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons

Written by Amy Krouse Rosenthal  
 Illus. by Jane Dyer  
 HarperCollins, 2006, Ages 4-8

Children are given the definitions of important behavior through the activities of making, baking, and eating cookies. For example, "COOPERATE means, how about you add the chips while I stir?"



## Gossie & Friends: A First Flap Book

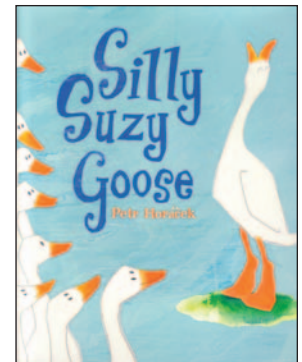
Written/Illus. by Olivier Dunrea  
 Houghton Mifflin Co., 2006, Ages 1-4

Small and yellow Gossie, Gertie with her blue boots, forgetful little Peedie, perpetually hungry BooBoo, and stomping Ollie are back to teach little ones about colors, seasons, counting, and concepts with easy to lift flaps. These endearing little goslings will capture everyone's heart.

## Silly Suzy Goose

Written/Illus. by Petr Horacek  
 Candlewick Press, 2006, Ages 2-5

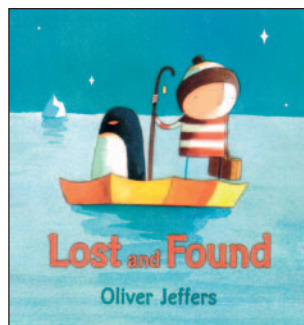
Silly Suzy yearns to be different from the other geese. If she could hang upside down like a bat, stretch high like a giraffe, jump like a kangaroo, squawk like a toucan, or slide like a penguin, life would be perfect. When she roars at a cranky lion, Silly Suzy realizes that being different can sometimes be dangerous.



## Lost and Found

Written/Illus. by Oliver Jeffers  
 Philomel Books, 2006, Ages 4-8

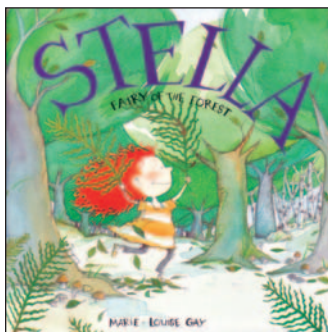
A little boy discovers a forlorn looking penguin and decides to return him home. Discovering that home is at the South Pole, the boy uses his boat to row the penguin home, telling him many stories along the way. Reaching their destination, the boy leaves the penguin. Realizing his mistake, the child returns for his friend, and together they go home.



## Click, Clack, Splish, Splash: A Counting Adventure

Written by Doreen Cronin  
 Illus. by Betsy Lewin  
 Atheneum Books, 2006, Ages 2-5

As the farmer naps on his couch, duck engineers a rescue of the farmer's aquarium goldfish. Numbers from ("1 farmer sleeping") to ("10 buckets lined up in a row") are used as the barnyard menagerie tiptoe, climb, and splash, each with buckets full of goldfish, to their final destination—the pond.



## Stella, Fairy of the Forest

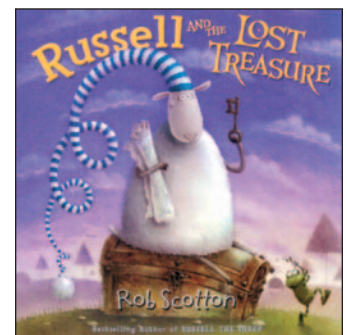
Written/Illus. by Marie-Louise Gay  
 Groundwood Books, 2006, Ages 4-7

Now in mini format, the irresistible siblings, redheaded Stella and her slightly apprehensive brother Sam, are back to explore the forest. Sam bubbles over with questions. "What do fairies look like?," "Do butterflies eat butter?," and "Are there any bears in the forest?" Big, confident sister is always ready with a logical answer.

## Russell and the Lost Treasure

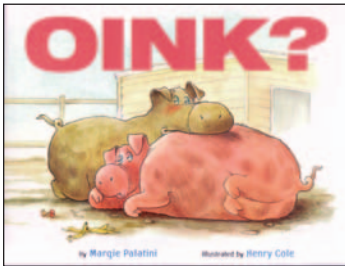
Written/Illus. by Rob Scotton  
 HarperCollins, 2006, Ages 3-7

Russell and his long blue-striped hat search for hidden treasure in Frogbottom. With his Super-Duper Treasure Seeker, Russell and his frog-friend Frankie find a buried chest of old stuff, including a working camera. After taking pictures of his extended family, Russell realizes, "Maybe I have found treasure after all."



## Oink?

Written by Margie Palatini; Illus. by Henry Cole. Simon & Schuster, 2006, Ages 4-8

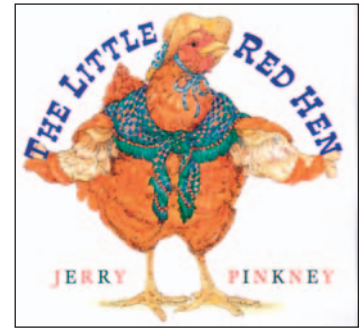


Thomas and Joseph love mucking about their yard. When their neighbors decide that their pen should be cleaner, the lazy porkers are happy to watch the fence painted, the garden planted, and a water hole dug. When the work is finished, Thomas and Joseph proceed to enjoy the results. Moral of the story: lazy does not always mean stupid.

## The Little Red Hen

Written/Illus. by Jerry Pinkney  
Dial Books, 2006, Ages 4-7

In this retelling of a beloved tale, a mother hen finds a few wheat seeds, plants them, tends her garden, cuts the wheat, takes it to the town miller for grinding, and bakes the resulting bread. She appeals to her neighbors for help, but each replies with a resounding, "Not I." The animals realize their mistake when they receive no fresh baked bread.

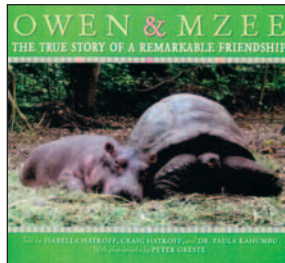


## Owen & Mzee:

### The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship

Written by Craig Hatkoff  
Photographs by Peter Greste  
Scholastic Press, 2006, Ages 4-8

A 600-pound baby hippo Owen, stranded on a reef in Kenya during the 2004 tsunami in South Asia, is rescued by villagers and resettled at an animal shelter at Hallard Park. There Owen develops an unusual bond with Mzee, a 130-year-old giant Aldabra tortoise.



### The Scarab's Secret

Written by Nick Would  
Illus. by Christina Ballit,  
Walker Books, 2006, Ages 4-8

Narrated by a scarab named Khepri, this clever tale tells of a life-altering experience between the scarab beetle and a prince of Egypt. After discovering a murderous plot by the prince's adversaries, Khepri alerts the prince to the danger and guides him to safety.



### Inventor McGregor

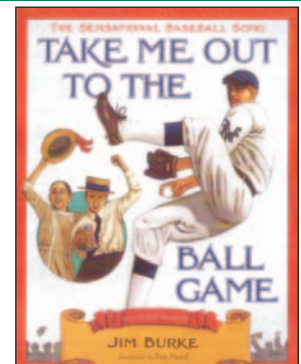
Written by Kathleen T. Pelley  
Illus. by Michael Chesworth  
Farrar Straus Giroux, 2006, Ages 4-8

Hector has a knack for inventing—peppermint pencils, glow-in-the-dark books, and a barking bag for the postman. The Royal Society of Inventors persuade him to move to a quiet laboratory in town, but he soon realizes that his inspirations come from his family, and returns home.

### Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Written/Illus. by Jim Burke  
Lyrics by Jack Norworth  
Little, Brown & Co., 2006, Ages 5-8

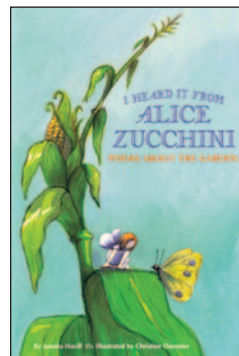
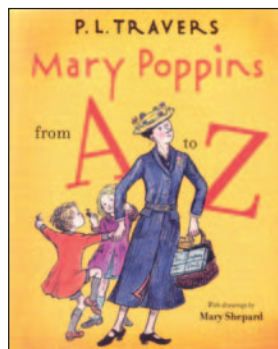
The year is 1908. Baseball's most famous song is popular, and the New York Giants battle the Chicago Cubs for the National League pennant. As the lyrics unfold across the pages, a young girl and her beau attend one of the most controversial games ever played.



### Mary Poppins From A to Z

Written by P. L. Travers  
Illus. by Mary Shepard  
Harcourt, Inc., 2006, Ages 8+

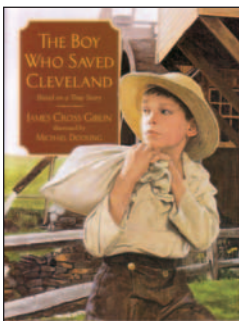
Twenty-six vignettes, in alphabetical order, surround the famous Banks family and other characters from her classic novels. For example, "D is for Dinner. Mrs. Brill, quite Distracted, Dashes in with the roast Duck and nearly Drops the Dish."



### I Heard It From Alice Zucchini

Written by Juanita Havill  
Illus. by Christine Davenier  
Chronicle Books, 2006, Ages 6+

Twenty delightful storytelling poems celebrate the world of the garden. Children will love the rhythmic story of a King and Queen beetle who lose their home when the Rhubarb Forest is baked in a pie. From vegetables and rodents to summer storms and fairy tale pumpkins, the poems are arranged in seasonal order.



### The Boy Who Saved Cleveland

Written by James Cross Giblin  
Illus. by Michael Dooling  
Henry Holt & Co., 2006, Ages 8-12

Based on a true story, in the summer of 1798 ten-year-old Seth Doan helps the families in his small settlement stay alive during a malaria epidemic. Thanks to his heroic efforts no one died, and the settlement went on to become Cleveland, Ohio, one of America's great cities.

### The Mushroom Man

Written by Ethel Pochocki  
Illus. by Barry Moser  
Tilbury House, 2006, Ages 8-11

"There once was a man who worked in a mushroom farm, and people called him the Mushroom Man, for he even resembled the crop he tended." One night he befriends a mole, and as their friendship grows they share many things, including truffles and Christmas gifts. However, they discover that friendship is the best gift of all.

